



Moose Tracks



Official Newsletter of Totanhan Nakaha Lodge

Issue 2017-2

Hello and welcome to the August issue of our lodge newsletter, Moose Tracks. We hope you had a great summer, filled with camping, recreation, vacations and just plain fun! I hope you enjoy reading about all the upcoming events we have in store for our members such as Section Conclave, NOAC, and Chapter Conclave. I would like to bring awareness to all OA members the wonderful opportunities available to them. The lodge has so many wonderful ways to have fun, provide cheerful service, and make friends, you usually get all three at once! If you have any comments for the next newsletter or questions about any events mentioned in this article, please email me at charlieschumer@yahoo.com.

Make sure to visit our [lodge webpage](#) for constant updates on the lodge's activities.

Charlie Schumer – Lodge Chief

Elections Results

The lodge recently held our lodge-wide elections to select our newest lodge officers, and we are happy to announce the results.

Vice Chief of Membership:

Tyler Solheim, Chief Black Dog,

Vice Chief of Program:

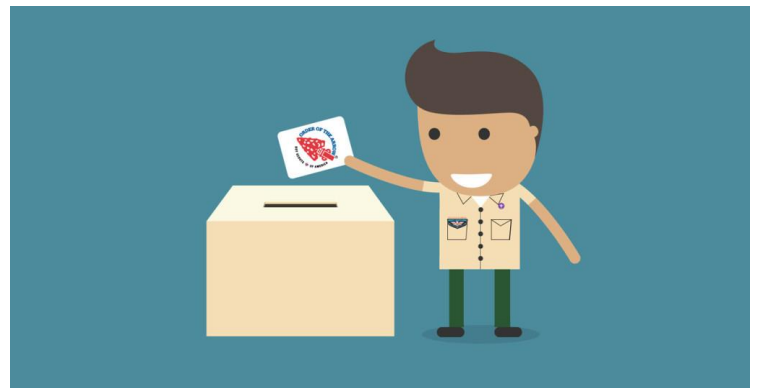
Ian Flickinger, Many Waters

Vice Chief of Finance:

Tyler Doering, Northwest

Executive Vice-Chief

Luke Gentle, Northern Lights,



Lodge Chief

Charlie Schumer, Northwest

Thank you to everyone who voted, your votes are highly appreciated.



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Lodge Executive Committee

Are you interested in helping the lodge serve our members? Then please come to the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meetings. They are typically the third Thursday of the month at the Golden Valley Scout Office from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Please check the lodge calendar to confirm when LEC meetings are.

Chapter Conclave

Chapter Conclave is the marquee event for Arrowmen. It is a great opportunity to get to know all your brothers in the Order of the Arrow while also contributing cheerful service to the community. Chapter Conclave is also a wonderful time to get your brotherhood sash. At Chapter Conclave you can also see ceremonies that tell the story of the Order of the Arrow. Please encourage all members of the OA in your troop to attend! Find out when your chapter conclave is and register for it on our [lodge website](#) you will need to know your chapter name, honor level, and your OA ID# (if you do not know your OA ID#, please contact your chapter advisor).

Section Conclave

If you can't get enough of chapter conclave, come to Camp Cuyuna September 8-10 for a weekend of inter-lodge fellowship! At Section Conclave, there's nearly an immeasurable amount of activities available for scouts. Here's just a few: An authentic Native American pow-wow, Tomahawk Throwing, Archery, Shotgun Shooting, Swimming, and Frisbee Golf. There are training sessions to help you give back to their chapters and troops. To register, [click here](#).

Lodge Vice Chief needed

We currently have an opening for a Vice Chief of Communication. If you like to write newsletters, like this Moose Tracks, work with Facebook, Instagram, etc., take good meeting notes, we have a position for you. Any youth under 21 is eligible for this position.

Being a communications vice chief is a great way to get to know everything happening in the lodge. If you think you are interested, please contact [Charlie Schumer](#), Lodge Chief, or [Doug Farmer](#), Communications Adviser.



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NOAC 2018

Sign up now for the 2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). The 2018 conference is July 30th to Aug 8th, 2018 at Indiana University in Bloomington Indiana. NOAC is the largest gathering of Arrowmen. During your time at NOAC you have the chance to meet over 8,000 other Arrowmen from across the Nation.

You will be able to play dodge ball, capture the flag and numerous other games. PLUS - if you don't like to cook, this is the trip for you! All the meals are prepared for you in the college cafeteria. You will be staying in the dorm rooms on campus.

There are ceremony and dance team competition, an awesome OA Trading Post and the second patch trading event after the National Jamboree. There are exhibitors with the latest in camping and outdoor equipment and High Adventure trip planning. Interested in the history of OA? See it in the Museum of OA and Scouting History.

NOAC not only has lots of fun opportunities but it's educational too! You attend classes to improve your leadership skills that you can bring back to your unit and Lodge or learn what it's like to be a Lodge Chief.

Other classes include OATR training, helping the Boys in Blue, Webelos to Boy Scout crossover, conducting a Vigil Callout ceremony and many more.

The national NOAC committee has instituted a quota for the 2018 conference and is enforcing a 3:1 youth to adult ratio; our current quota is **65 youth and 21 adults.**

We are registering youth on a first come, first accepted basis. Each youth expressing interest in attending NOAC must make a \$100 deposit at time of registration. For adults, we are collecting names of interested OA members. In January, the youth NOAC committee will execute a selection process.

The cost to attend NOAC is approximately \$750. Final costs will be announced February 1st 2018. The cost to attend NOAC includes registration fees, transportation to and from Indiana University, room, meals, swag (tee shirts, patches etc.) Sign up now to get your youth spot reserved!

[To register for NOAC 2018, click here](#)

[Here is a link to the national NOAC page](#)



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Jumpstart OA

Are you a new member to the Order of the Arrow or a longtime member who wants to learn even more about the brotherhood? Please visit [Jumpstart OA](#) to prepare for your brotherhood advancement or to get a good refresher. Everyone can learn something new from this website. You do need a passcode to access the website, but all you need to get this password is your OA Handbook.



Vigil Conclave

Our Vigil Weekend is coming up fast. Vigil Members, don't miss this opportunity to reconnect with fellow Vigil members and welcome our new Vigil members.

Location: Stearns Scout camp

Date: August 26th and 27th

Register at:

<https://scoutingevent.com/250-2017VigilConclave>

New Vigil Members

The OA members listed below are being recognized with the Vigil honor of the Order of the Arrow.

Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. It calls for an individual with an unusual awareness of the possibilities within each situation.

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following:

- Lodge
- Order of the Arrow
- Scouting community
- Scout Camp

Each nominee has contributed time and effort to promoting scouting, camping and the OA. It is pride that our lodge is able to recognize them with this honor.



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As with your Ordeal conclave, members nominated for the Vigil honor must also complete a Vigil induction weekend.

Peter	Fitzpatrick	Minnehaha Falls
Evan	Johnson	Minnehaha Falls
Ethan	Helmer	North Star
Joseph	McCune-Zierath	North Star
Paul	Weber	North Star
David	Johnson	Northern Lights
Garrett	Crosby	Northern Lights
Luke	Gentle	Northern Lights
Jacob	Pawlowski	Northern Lights
Zachary	Pederson	Northern Lights
Scott	Geary	Northwest
Charles	Gitzen	Northwest
Thomas	Hills	Northwest
Phillip	Lawonn	Northwest
Karen	Rafter	Northwest
Maxwell	Baker	Northwest
Thoger	Boyum	Northwest
Benjamin	Lawonn	Northwest
Matthew	Sonnack	Northwest
Alec	Soplata	Northwest
Dominic	Wolters	Northwest
Deborah	Coder	Paul E. Wethern
Dennis	Mirovsky	Paul E. Wethern
Walter	Ripplinger	Paul E. Wethern
Richard	Green	Paul E. Wethern
Eva	Benedetto	Prairie Lakes
Jack (John)	Chatelaine	Prairie Lakes
Blake	Erickson	Prairie Lakes
Darin	Jensen	Prairie Lakes
Susan	Kewley	Prairie Lakes
Jarrett	Kotsmith	Prairie Lakes
Clay	Mewes	Prairie Lakes
Parker	Smith	Trailblazer

2017 Vigil Nominees



Joe	Miller	Chief Black Dog
Carolyn	Solheim	Chief Black Dog
Tyler	Solheim	Chief Black Dog
Ethan	Tracy	Chief Black Dog
Jeff	Stanton	Dan Patch
James	Thomas	Dan Patch
David	Vozka	Dan Patch
George	Wangerin	Dan Patch
Chow	Chun-Kit	Dan Patch
Luke	Hill	Dan Patch
Garrett	Miller	Dan Patch
Dylan	Kern	Eagle River
Mitchell	Wolf	Eagle River
Karen	Foster	Great Rivers
Christopher	Lacher	Great Rivers
Samuel	Schroeder	Great Rivers
Dwight	Rabuse	Kaposia
Nathan	Rigg	Kaposia
Timothy	Larson	Lake Minnetonka
Trent	Doering	Many Waters
Richard	Hjelseth	Many Waters
David	Oster	Many Waters
William	Straub Sr.	Many Waters
Tyler	Doering	Many Waters
Ian	Flickinger	Many Waters
Nathan	Gregg	Many Waters
Zachary	Hall	Many Waters
Phillip	Hallstrom	Many Waters
Michael	Heinen	Many Waters
Kieran	McCloy	Many Waters
Joshua	Nordling	Many Waters

Congratulations, Brothers!



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OAHA

Are you aware of the various opportunities available to Arrowmen at the BSA's

various high adventure bases? Every high adventure base has adventures for a family-friendly cost where you devote a bit of service for a life-changing adventure, available exclusively to Arrowmen. To lower the cost even further, the lodge has additional scholarships available.

For more information, [visit the OA High Adventure web site.](#)

Sign up now on the High Adventure Web Site for next summer. Space is limited and popular locations, like Sea Base, go fast.



Social Media

Our Lodge's social media accounts have been busy keeping Arrowmen informed on our lodge's activities. Please follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and Instagram @tnl_oa.!



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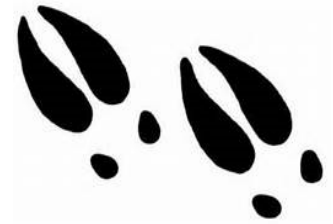
Membership Dues

Have you made sure to pay your dues this year? Every year, Arrowmen must pay their yearly dues of \$15. This goes towards many things, such as scholarships, ceremonies, and awards for distinguished Arrowmen. You can pay your dues in-person by printing out & filling out a form, or online. Dues are collected as part of your conclave fee. If you cannot attend conclave this year, [use this link to pay your dues.](#)

Lodge flaps may only be worn by members of the lodge. You are not a member of the lodge without being current on due.



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The Order of the Arrow Obligation

I, (your name), do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout, that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui. I will always regard the ties of Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

What does “Wimachtendienk Wingolauchsik Witahemui” mean?

It stands for Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui. Which in the Lenni Lenape language means “**Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.**”

When in scouting or in your daily lives, remember to cheerfully help others. It is why you were asked to be a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Have a great fall; see you at Fall Fellowship in Hutchinson this October.